

Specification Amendments

Please amend the last full paragraph on page 4 as follows:

The drawings show apparatus 10 for applying a surgical device such as a pin or tack into a body. The apparatus 10 comprises an inserting device 12 (Fig. 1) in the form of an elongate cylindrical passage 14 extendible into a body. The ~~[[proximal end]]~~ distal end 16 is shaped to provide diametrically opposite points 18 to assist with location of the end 16 in a body.

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 5 as follows:

A grippable part 20 is provided on the ~~[[distal end]]~~ proximal end 22 of the passage 14. The part 20 has a through hole 24 through which the ~~[[distal end]]~~ proximal end 22 extends such that the end 22 is clear and open. The part 20 has a generally D-shape, with the hole 24 towards the stem of the D. A mounting pin 26 is provided on the part 20 centrally aligned and further from the stem than the hole 24. The pin 26 points away from the ~~[[proximal end]]~~ distal end 16.

Please amend the second full paragraph on page 5 as follows:

The apparatus 10 also comprises a pushing member 28 or obturator. The member 28 comprises a solid elongate shaft 30 slidably extendible through the passage 14, and of a greater length thereof. The ~~[[proximal end]]~~ distal end 32 of the shaft 30 is concave to help locate the end of a surgical device thereagainst. A handle 34 is provided on the ~~[[distal end]]~~ proximal end of the shaft 30 to define a generally T-shape configuration with the shaft 30.

Please amend the third full paragraph on page 5 as follows:

The apparatus 10 further provides an incision member 36. The member 36 is similar to the pushing member 28 with a similar shaft 38 and handle 40. In contrast, at the ~~[[proximal end]]~~ distal end 42 of the shaft 38, an incision part 44 is provided, which in this instance is an elongate blade. Other shape incision parts could be used as is required.

Please amend the third full paragraph on page 6 as follows:

An incision can then be made for receiving a surgical device. This is achieved by aligning a recess 56 in the holding member 46, 48, 50, 58 with the passage 14. The incision member 36 is then slid through the respective recess 56 and the passage 14 until the incision part 44 extends beyond the ~~[[proximal end]]~~ distal end 16 to permit an incision to be made.